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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PERM REP'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON LIBYAN /  
EGYPTIAN BORDER CLASHES

1. LIBYAN PERM REP KIKHIA DELIVERED LENGTHY PREPARED  
STATEMENT (POUCHED TO ADDRESSEE POSTS) TO UN PRESS CORPS  
ON JULY 28. STATEMENT PRESENTED BLIBYAN VERSION OF  
CHRONOLOGY OF PAST YEAR'S EVENTS ON LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN BORDER  
HARANGUING AGAINST "EGYPTIAN CRIMINAL ACTS OF AGGRESSION."  
KIKHIA REFERRED TO A SUPER POWER'S RECONNAISSANCE PLANE SHOT  
DOWN BY THE LIBYAN AIR FORCE AND TO ZIONIST ORIGIN ARMAMENTS  
CPATURED FROM EGYPTIAN TROOPS.

2. PRESIDENT SADAT WAS SINGLED OUT FOR FAILURE SINCE HE  
DOES NOT ENJOY SUPPORT OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLE. "EGYPTIAN REGIME  
IS FACING VERY SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIFFICULTIES  
DOMESTICALLY," PRESIDENT SADAT " HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM  
HIS LATEST VISIT TO WASHINGTON WITH EMPTY HANDS."

3. IN Q AND A SESSION FOLLOWING PREPARED STATEMENT  
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KIKHIA SAID SADAT IS FOLLOWING A CLEAR POLICY OF  
ALLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND IS TRYING TO  
CONVINCE THE US THAT ISRAEL IS NOT ITS ONLY FRIEND  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SADAT IS COMMITTED TO THE US  
BUT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET ANYTHING FROM THE US  
IN RETURN. KIKHIA WAS ASKED WHY HE HAD NOT CANCELLED  
HIS NEW CONFERENCE WHEN ASKED TO BY THE ARAB GROUP

EARLIER IN THE DAY; HE REPLIED THAT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO BRING SUCH DISPUTES TO THE UN THROUGH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SECURITY COUNCIL OR A NEWS CONFERENCE. (NOTE: USUN WAS INFORMED BY LEBANESE MISSION THAT LIBYAN MISSION WAS UNDER FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE).

4. KIKHIA ALSO NOTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WANTS TO PROVE TO THE WEST AND TO WESTERN PUBLIC OPINION THAT HE IS ON THEIR SIDE AND IS WILLING TO FIGHT RADICAL MOVEMENTS SUCH AS QADAFI'S AND THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. " SADAT IS MAKING HIMSELF INTO A SYMBOL OF THE WESTERN PRESENCE IN THE AREA BUT HE IS GETTING NO RESPONSE FROM THE WEST." ASKED TO COMMENT FURTHER ON WHAT HE MEANT BY A PLANE OF AN OUTSIDE POWER IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE EGYPT/LIBYA CLASH, AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT TODAY THAT THE TWO SUPER POWERS HAD BOTH SHOWN RESTRAINT IN NOT SENDING ANY HELP TO EITHER SIDE, HE SAID HE MEANT A RECONNAISSANCE PLANE OF THE US SIXTH FLEET WHICH MAKES DAILY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS ALONG THE LIBYAN COAST. AMERICAN PLANES IN THE PAST HAVE ENTERED LIBYAN AIR SPACE. "AMERICANS ARE THERE WITH THE POWER AND SPYING."  
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